

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 6 to clarify the subject matter of the present invention. No new matter has been added, as the amendment is supported by the originally filed specification.

Applicants respectfully submit no combination of the previously applied Related Art and Tanaka (U.S. Patent No. 4,295,711) teach or suggest an in-plane switching mode liquid crystal display device that includes, among other features, "a plurality of common voltage lines for applying a common voltage to the thin film transistor array, wherein the common voltage lines provided in an outer area of the thin film transistor array are spaced from the thin film transistor array by a distance greater than or equal to 1 mm to prevent deterioration of liquid crystal generated in said outer area from being diffused into the thin film transistor array", as recited in amended claim 6 and its dependent claims 8 and 9. As such, claims 6-9 are patentable over the Related Art and Tanaka. Applicants kindly acknowledge the allowable subject matter of claims 1-5 and 10-20.

In view of the above, each of the pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500.

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If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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